

REMARKS

Claims 3 and 5 have been amended. Claims 9-24 have been added. Claims 3, 5 and 9-24 remain for further consideration. No new matter has been added.

The rejections shall be taken up in the order presented in the Official Action.

1. Claim 3 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as allegedly failing to comply with the written description requirement.

Claim 3 has been amended.

2. Claim 3 stands rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as allegedly being unpatentable over claim 1 of U.S. Patent No. 6,829,297.

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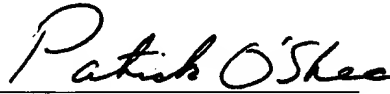
3. The indication of allowability of claim 5 is hereby noted and appreciated.

Claim 5 has been amended to correct a typographical error.

For all the foregoing reasons, reconsideration and allowance of claims 3, 5 and 9-24 is respectfully requested.

If a telephone interview could assist in the prosecution of this application, please call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Patrick O'Shea". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "P" and "O".

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